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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
HELICOPTER ANTI-SUBMARINE SQUADRON LIGHT THIRTY-SEVEN  
NAVAL AIR STATION  
BARBERS POINT, HAWAII 96862

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HSL-37 COMMAND HISTORY

CY 1983

1. (U) HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

HSL-37 deployed six detachments during 1983 and maintained two permanently forward deployed detachments assigned to DESRON 15 units in Japan. Although HSL-37 continued to place great emphasis on aviation safety, its seven year record of outstanding safety was ended when a detachment aircraft successfully ditched without personnel loss following a loss of tail rotor thrust. The squadron excelled operationally and this year once again was presented the Isbell Trophy for ASW excellence. HSL-37 has won five of the last six Isbell trophies awarded in the LAMPS community. Significant missions during 1983 included extended Soviet surface and subsurface surveillance, Soviet port surveillance, operations in support of the Korean Air Lines 007 search effort, and operations in support of the Agalega Emergency Disaster Relief.

2. (U) HSL-37 1983 COMMANDING/EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

a. (U) Commanding Officers:

- (1) (U) Commander Joseph R. DeNIGRO, USN  
06 May 1982 to 03 November 1983
- (2) (U) Commander Gerald H. DAWSON, USN  
04 November 1983 to Present

b. (U) Executive Officers:

- (1) (U) Commander Gerald H. DAWSON, USN  
06 May 1982 to 03 November 1983
- (2) (U) Commander Michael B. PUTNAM, USN  
04 November 1983 to Present

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3. (C) 1983 CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY

10 Jan	DET 2 established
16-18 Jan	DET 10 ASUWEX 83-1
22 Jan-11 Feb	DET 10 Spec Ops, Minsk Surveillance
8 Feb	DET 2 embarked USS BADGER (FF-1071) for short cruise
8 Feb	DET 1 embarked USS RAMSEY (FFG-2) for long cruise
15 Feb-14 Mar	DET 2 participated Readlex 83-3; Comptuex 83-1
2-5 Mar	DET 10 ASWEX 83-2K, Tae Kwon Do
6-18 Mar	DET 10/DET 1 Operation Team Spirit
21 Mar	DET 2 returned from short cruise
1-8 Apr	DET 1 FLEETEX 83
25 Apr	DET 2 departs for long cruise aboard USS BADGER (FF-1071)
5 May	DET 7E established
7 May	DET 10 arrive at Pearl Harbor aboard USS CUSHING (DD-985) (returned from USS CUSHING)
1 Jun	DET 3 established
18 May-2 Jun	DET 2 conducted special operations SCS vs P-011
9 Jun	DET 2 participated amphibex Valiant Blitz 83-3 Okinawa Oparea
11-14 Jun	DET 1 Special Operations vs P-011
21 Jun	DET 7E relieved DET 7D
24 Jun	DET 7D disestablished
25 Jun-1 Jul	DET 3 aboard USS DAVIDSON for AIREM G

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30 Jun-20 Jul	DET 2 Gateguard Ops Cam Rahn Bay surveillance
28 Jul	DET 2 OTH-T vs KRIVAK II TG
25-28 Aug	DET 3 embarked USS FIFE (DD-991) BG ECHO Midpac ASWEX 83
22 Aug	DET 1 relieved by DET 1A
17 Sep	DET 2 A/C lost at sea
28 Sep	DET 2 replacement A/C received
28-29 Sep	DET 3 USN-RMN Passex
4-6 Oct	DET 3 Invincible Passex
5-21 Oct	DET 2 KAL-007 Ops
25 Oct-5 Nov	DET 3 Aden Surv Ops
30 Oct-1 Nov	DET 2 participated in Battle Week 84-1
10-13 Nov	DET 3 Socotra Surv Ops
11 Nov	DET 2 arrived at Pearl Harbor
17 Nov	DET 2 disestablished
13 Dec	DET 3 Agalega Emergency disaster relief
14-23 Dec	DET 3 Novorossiysk CVHG Surv Ops
20 Dec	DET 7F relieved DET 7E

4. ~~(C)~~ OPERATIONS SUMMARY

a. (U) Flight Hours

(1) (U) Total	4834.7
(2) (U) Disembarked, Day	1312.2
(3) (U) Disembarked, Night	398.7
(4) (U) Embarked, Day	2455.7
(5) (U) Embarked, Night	668.1

b. (U) Landings.

(1) (U) Total	9919
(2) (U) Disembarked, Day	4269

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(3)	(U)	Disembarked, Night	1265
(4)	(U)	Embarked, Day	3048
(5)	(U)	Embarked, Night	1337

c. ~~(C)~~ ASW Time

(1)	<del>(C)</del>	Total ASW hours	794.7
(2)	<del>(C)</del>	Old system (Jan-May)	

a.	<del>(C)</del>	Primary hours	185.5
b.	<del>(C)</del>	Secondary hours	111.8
c.	<del>(C)</del>	Training hours	268.2

(3) ~~(C)~~ New system (Jun-Dec)

a.	<del>(C)</del>	Primary hours	65.7
b.	<del>(C)</del>	Secondary hours	38.8
c.	<del>(C)</del>	Tertiary hours	55.8
d.	<del>(C)</del>	U.S. sub contact hours	167.3
e.	<del>(C)</del>	Non-US hours	54.7
f.	<del>(C)</del>	Sub surveillance hours	5.2

d. (C) Miscellaneous Statistics

(1)	<del>(C)</del>	Average Training Readiness Index for Combat Ready Crews	93.6
(2)	<del>(C)</del>	No. of torps (MK-46) dropped	47
(3)	<del>(C)</del>	Cast periods cpl	14
(4)	<del>(C)</del>	Coordinated exercises	30
(5)	<del>(C)</del>	Days embarked	1191

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